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SUBJECT: FURTHER ON SYRIAN POSITION TOWARD JAN. 12 SECURITY
COUNCIL DEBATE

1. SUMMARY: SYRIAN PRESS JAN 9 REPORTED THAT SYRIAN DRAFT
RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED TO SC JAN 12 WOULD STIPULATE A)
ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES; B) IMPLEMENTATION
OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS INCLUDING RIGHT OF
RETURN, RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND RIGHT TO
ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT STATE; C) ESTABLISHMENT OF
JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN ME; D) ADOPTION OF
IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE. IT DID NOT GIVE A TEXT.
DEPFONMIN RIFA'I HAS CALLED IN AMBS. FROM SOME
STATES REPRESENTED ON SC TO REQUEST THEIR SUPPORT
FOR SYRIAN DRAFT RES. SARG DELEGATION
REPORTEDLY WILL HAVE SOME MANUEVERABILITY ON LANGUAGE
IN TEXT AND TACTICS DURING SESSION. END SUMMARY.

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2. JAN 9 SYRIAN PRESS REPORTED GENERAL OUTLINE OF SYRIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH SARG DELEGATION WILL PRESENT TO SC JAN 12 WITH SPONSORSHIP OF NON-ALIGNED STATES. DRAFT CONSISTS OF FOUR ESSENTIAL POINTS:

A) "PROVISION FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS;"

B) IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESES. RELATED TO NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS INCLUDING RIGHT OF RETURN, RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE;

C) ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN ME; "REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING THIS PEACE WILL BE PREPARED AFTER BEGINNING IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AND AFTER IMPLEMENTING UN RESES. CONCERNING FIRM NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

D) ADOPTION OF ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDING TO TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF DRAFT RES.

3. REPORT ADDED THAT ASAD HAD RECEIVED SYRIAN PERMREP ALLAF EVENING JAN 7 PRIOR TO LATTER'S RETURN TO NEW YORK. FONMIN KHADDAM RETURNED JAN 8 FROM TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, UAE, QATAR AND BAHRAIN TO COORDINATE ARAB STRATEGY.

4. DEPFONMIN RIFA'I CALLED IN AMBS. FROM SEVERAL STATES REPRESENTED ON SC JAN 8 TO REQUEST SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN POSITION. ACCORDING TO SWEDISH CHARGE RIFA'I ASSERTED THAT SARG GENERALLY ACCEPTS SC RESES. 242/338, DOES NOT PLAN TO MODIFY THEM, BUT NONETHELESS BELIEVES THEY DO NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. RIFA'I TOLD SWEDISH CHARGE THAT IF SC ADOPTED SYRIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, SYRIA WOULD BE OPEN TO MORE SC DELIBERATIONS, RETURN TO GENEVA MEPC OR RESORT TO SOME OTHER VENUE.

5. YUGOSLAV AMB. PEKIC AND SWEDISH CHARGE TOLD
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EMBOFF IN SEPARATE TALKS THAT SARG DELEGATION WILL HAVE SOME ROOM FOR MANEUVER IN SC SESSIONS. YUGOSLAV SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH MFA DIRECTOR INT'L ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS KAYLANI WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY KHADDAM TO TELL PEKIC THAT SYRIAN DELEGATION WILL BE PERMITTED TO ACCEPT CHANGES BOTH IN TEXT OF SYRIAN DRAFT AND TACTICS USED AT SESSION IF CHANGES DID NOT UNDERCUT CENTRAL PRINCIPLES OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORIES

OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND CREATION OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE. SWEDE HAS ALSO TALKED WITH KAYLANI AND LEARNED FROM LATTER THAT FINAL WORDING ON SYRIAN DRAFT WILL BE COMPLETED IN NEW YORK. WHILE SYRIA DEMANDING TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, KAYLANI ASSERTED THAT SYRIA HAS "OPEN MIND" REGARDING CONDITIONS TO IMPLEMENT WITHDRAWAL. KAYLANI CONCLUDED TO SWEDE THAT "WE WILL DO EVERY-THING POSSIBLE TO ESCAPE AN AMERICAN VETO."

6. COMMENT (A) BELIEF IS PREVALENT AND GROWING IN DAMASCUS THAT CURRENT SYRIAN/PALESTINIAN STRATEGY WILL PRODUCE RESOLUTION WHICH U.S. WILL NOT VETO.

(B) FACT THAT ALLAF RECEIVED BY ASAD BEFORE RETURNING TO NEW YORK IS FURTHER INDICATION THAT FONMIN KHADDAM NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND.
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